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SUBJECT: THE NEW FRG AMBASSADOR TO PERU

1. WE ARE SENDING BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON THE NEW GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU, HANS WOERNER LOECK. ADDITIONALLY, WE WANT TO POINT OUT THAT LOECK HAS BEEN A VERY USEFUL AND OPEN CONTACT FOR THIS EMBASSY FOR MANY YEARS. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE DURING HIS SERVICE OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AT THE CHANCELLERY. IN HIS POSITION, LOECK HAD BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING SUCH SENSITIVE MATTERS AS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO MET WITH LOECK FOUND HIM ALWAYS COURTEOUS AND ALWAYS OPEN AND FRIENDLY. HE HAS A SOMEWHAT DIFFIDENT MANNER BUT HE EXPRESSES HIMSELF CLEARLY AND FORCEFULLY. HE WAS ALWAYS VIGOROUS IN EXPOUNDING GERMAN POSITIONS. HE WAS, HOWEVER, NOT PERSONALLY UNFRIENDLY, EVEN AT TIMES WHEN GERMAN AND AMERICAN POLICIES DIFFERED. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WE HAD THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO NARROW DIFFERENCES AND TO SUSTAIN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE EVEN WHEN THERE WERE SUBSTANTIVE DISAGREEMENTS.

3. LOECK, LIKE MANY OTHERS, FOUND THAT THE SUSTAINED
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PRESSURES AT THE CHANCELLERY AFFECTED HIS HEALTH. HE SUFFERED FROM HEART TROUBLE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND HAD TO TAKE AN EXTENDED LEAVE LAST YEAR. IT WAS UPON HIS RETURN FROM THAT LEAVE THAT HE ASKED TO BE ASSIGNED ABROAD TO ANOTHER POSITION.

4. LOECK HAS TOLD US THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO ESTAB-

LISHING EARLY AND FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH THE US EMBASSY
IN LIMA. WE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM AS A VALUABLE AND IN-
TERESTING INTERLOCUTOR. STOESSEL

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